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PROGRAMME OF MEASURES AND ACTIVITIES TO BE UNDERTAKEN IN CONNEXION WITH THE INTERNATIONAL YEAR FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Observations received from non-governmental organizations

Memorandum by the Secretary-General

Addendum

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS

[Original: English]
13 December 1964

Our Federation is very much interested in the plans for the observance of 1968 as International Human Rights Year ...

We have no specific proposals or suggestions for the programme at present, but will await with much interest the plans which the Special Committee is making ...

WORLD FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC YOUNG WOMEN AND GIRLS

[Original: English]
16 December 1964

As regards a programme of activities during the year 1968, the many suggestions included in part 1 of document ST/SG/AC.5/3 were found invaluable, but it is respectfully submitted that the suggestion made by the delegate of the Netherlands of a concentration of effort during some part of this year be given utmost consideration, so that the effect of the designated year would have the greatest impact possible.

In terms of evaluating the effectiveness of techniques already used for the promotion of human rights we would hope that the greatest consideration would be given to the suggestion in paragraph 17 of document ST/SG/AC.5/3 of provision for effective implementation of fundamental rights and freedoms by a complaint procedure "to which every natural person, every duly constituted group of individuals and every recognized non-governmental organization could bring their complaints of violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms".

An international conference in 1968 could, in our view, serve to dramatize to the world the International Year and at the same time, given proper preparation, could indicate progress made and wherein lie the greatest needs for future effort on the part of the Member States and peoples of the United Nations.

In looking to the intensification of national efforts in the field of human rights during the period up to 1968, the suggestion made by the delegates of the Philippines and Nigeria for the preparation of a syllabus on human rights for use in schools appeared to be excellent, as also the further recommendation that the United Nations Training and Research Institute might be responsible for its preparation.